

# PCPC NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



## Gratitude: Your Under-utilized Superpower

By David C. Mauldin

We human beings combine a capacity for profound gratitude with a tendency to take things for granted. Isn't that strange? You might think that the more blessed we are, the more thankful we would be. That's not how it works. Some very poor people have thankful hearts. Meanwhile, some people who seem to have everything never give thanks.

You might suspect that something has gone wrong with our hearts so that we are not as thankful as we ought to be. This is true. And yet, our hearts remain capable of gratitude. I knew a very elderly gentleman once who told me about the man who gave him his first job. It happened during the depression. The man I knew was just a teen then. He needed a job to help take care of his family. He couldn't find one until this one guy gave him a chance and guided him and set him on a path that became his career. Decades later, he got tears in his eyes just talking about it. "I don't know what we would have done. And he probably should have fired me a couple of times when I made mistakes. But he stuck by me and taught me the trade. I owe him so much."

That's gratitude. We retain an amazing capacity for it. And yet...so often, we let this capacity lie dormant. Christianity explains this contradiction—how we can be so good and so bad at giving thanks. We have a capacity for gratitude because God created us for relationships. We were made to

know and love God, and we were made to live in community. God made us male and female. He gave us marriage and family life. How could we live in God's world and enjoy his bounty and not feel grateful to him? How could we live with one another in families and societies and not feel grateful toward those who take care of us? Gratitude is part of the way we love back those who love us. We acknowledge our limitations. We did not create ourselves or the world we live in. And now that we are here, we cannot live on our own. So much of life (even what we earn) comes to us as a gift. Gratitude is only natural.

Even those who do not believe in God feel gratitude that transcends what they owe to other people. Perhaps the feeling doesn't last long, but there is a moment when you think, "Wow! I've been blessed!" But if you do not believe in God, this feeling (that feels so right) has to be wrong. If the material world is all that exists, then everything is merely an accident. You have not been blessed. You should not feel grateful. Your mind may argue that you have no reason to be grateful and no one to be grateful to, but your gut knows better.

Not only does Christianity explain why we feel grateful, but it also explains why most of the time we take things for granted. This hardness of our hearts results from the Fall. God made us good, but we are broken. All of us. Our only hope is his grace.

Because of the hardness of our hearts, we do not give thanks as we ought. Puffed up with pride, we think what we have received is only our due. We are like the naïve child who asks at Thanksgiving dinner (apparently the one time per year his family prayed before eating!), "Why are we thanking God for this food? We paid for it!"

Or, we busy ourselves until we forget to give thanks. Given a true/false test, we would score 100%. "I have a lot for which to be thankful"—TRUE. "I deserve all the blessings I have received"—FALSE. But somehow, this knowledge does not translate into action. We don't bother to give thanks because we have more important things to do. Or do we?

Ironically, giving thanks is one of the best ways to improve your life. In his book *Before I Go*, Peter Kreeft tells, "How to be wiser, happier, and better in seven minutes." His method: Thank God for ... "(1) one specific, concrete thing

## BE IN THE KNOW

How can you stay up to date with the latest happenings at PCPC? There are several ways!

- Sign up for weekly e-blasts by calling our church office (772-286-9958) or emailing [janet@palmcitypres.org](mailto:janet@palmcitypres.org).
- Read the newsletter. Our newsletter is posted on our website under "Resources." Hard copies are available in the church office, Sanctuary narthex, HFLC lobby and Langill Hall lobby.
- Visit our website: [palmcitypres.org](http://palmcitypres.org).
- Like us on Facebook. On Facebook you will find previews of the upcoming sermon; photo and video coverage of church events/activities; upcoming events, classes, bible studies and VBS; and inspirational posts.



**PCPC Youth**

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[fb.me/PCPCYouth](https://fb.me/PCPCYouth)



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## PCPC HILLTOPPERS

By Greg Welmaker

The PCPC Hilltoppers meet the first Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in Lower Langill Hall.

In October, we were fortunate to have Sergeant Brian Bossio with the Stuart City Police share with us about how to respond should we ever find ourselves in an active shooter situation. While certainly not a happy thought, Sergeant Bossio's presentation was well received. PCPC Children's Ministry Director, Sarah Butler, briefly shared her new children's programs and upcoming events.

On November 4th, we are pleased to have missionary Don Elmore with United Servants Abroad come to share with us about his ongoing recovery efforts in the Bahamas following the devastation of Hurricane Dorian. As you may know, PCPC raised over \$23,000 and provided hundreds of pounds of items to assist those in need.

We are investigating getting a group together to attend this year's Singing Christmas Tree at Hobe Sound Bible College. Stay tuned for more details!

We hope to see you at an event of the PCPC Hilltoppers for some food, fellowship, and a chance to learn something new!

**We're in the Bible App.**

- Follow along
- Take notes
- Reference the Bible

Download the latest version of the Bible App.  
[www.bible.com/app](http://www.bible.com/app)

**HOW TO FIND US.**

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- 2) Click the 'more' tab
- 3) Select 'events' to

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## Emergency Notification

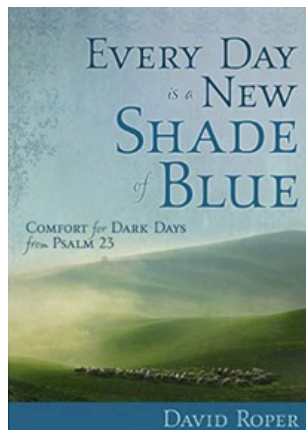
We are trying to be prepared for hurricanes and other emergencies. If you have limited email access, or know a member who does not have email access: please call the church office @ 772-286-9958

and let them know if you or they would like a phone call when emergencies cause a schedule change at PCPC.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- Chancel Choir with Soloists and Orchestra:**  
*The Messiah* (Christmas section) by G.F. Handel  
 Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)  
 Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)
- December Sermon Series: HANDEL'S MESSIAH**  
 During Advent, sermons will be based on passages of scripture that are sung in Handel's *Messiah*.
- Children's Ministry Christmas Nativity Play:** Sunday school children are performing a short play, complete with songs, biblical readings and the nativity during each service.  
 Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Traditional worship** – 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)  
**Contemporary worship** – 9:30 a.m. (Huizenga Family Life Center)
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:**  
 (Communion will be served)  
 “Can Christmas Change Your Life?”  
 Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
**Contemporary worship** - 5:00 p.m. (Huizenga Family Life Center)  
**Traditional worship** - 7:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)



## November Book Review

by Carole Peterson

**DARK DAYS.** Haven't we all had a few of them! David Roper, a pastor, author, and regular writer for the *Our Daily Bread* devotional booklet, tells how his dark days started with a slope that grew into a dark abyss for no apparent reason. During the dark times, he turned to the 23rd Psalm, and he kept a journal. Like any of us might do during the dark days, David read the Bible, sought good counsel, and read good books—searching for ways out from under the cloud that appeared to hang over him. When the sunshine came back, as it always does, he pulled from his journal and shares with us the glimpses of God and the streams of thought that “came my way” while under the cloud. The title comes from his experience that every day was a different shade of blue.

After beginning with a chapter that highlights humans' universal longing for something more, each subsequent chapter focuses on one key idea from the 23rd Psalm. Stories and scripture from other parts of the Bible, wisdom from other writers, and even poetry and modern media are woven in with the wisdom the author gained through his own journey through darkness. The reader senses the author's sense of humor, but more importantly, his awesome trust in God, who is the shepherd that walks with us and strengthens our faith as we go through life's dark days. This little book could be, but should not be, read in a couple of hours. It is best to read slowly and savor how God provides for, guides, and protects us through each day. As the back jacket says, “Discover how you can put your trust in God, develop an attitude of contentment, and experience a sense of well-being under His watchful care.”



## PALM CITY'S GOT TALENT! by Joanne Raulin

Get ready for our 7th annual Palm City's Got Talent concert! The title of this year's show is “All That Jazz and a Little Gospel, Too!” We will feature PCPC's Bells of Worship playing two gospel songs, the Sunshine Boys singing their special harmonies, Jazzy Jim playing jazz piano, and a “Symphony of Spirituals” with Joanne on organ and Betty Nicholson on piano. Rev. Leroy will probably make an appearance, too. Our big feature will be from the nuns of The Church of Where It's Happenin' Now. You've got to see this to believe it!

Put the date on your calendar: Sunday, November 17th at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.



## ULTREYA

by Florine Blackshear

On Saturday, October 19, we hosted our 2nd Annual Ultreya here at Palm City Presbyterian Church. This was a blessed day for everyone who took the time to join us for this special gathering.



The coordinators of this event were Joann Shaw, Marcia Jakeway, Janet Sallman, Lauren Gragg, and Florine Blackshear. We held the event in Langill Hall and filled it with people who traveled from near and far. We had guests from our local area as well as Fort Lauderdale, Pompano Beach, Orlando, Parkland, Lighthouse Point, and Sun City.

Pastor David Mauldin began the program with a word of prayer. He asked for God's love and wisdom, for His continued help reaching out to others with His love, and helping them grow for the mission of kingdom building. Many activities followed, making for a fun-filled day. Icebreakers, hosted by Ms. Lauren Gragg, included Bible Bingo Trivia, word searches, and puzzles. We also painted wooden butterflies, and included inspirational words of love and encouragement on them. As you can see in the photos, we had a bountiful lunch to share with our friends, both old and new.



The program continued with a wide variety of topics by various speakers:

1. "Called to be a Christian" by Marcia Jakeway
2. "Your Faith in God" by Leslie Depenbrock
3. "Your Study Time with God's Word"  
by Evangelist Susan Holzinger
4. "Being a Humble Servant" by Lauren Gragg
5. "Evangelist for God" by Gretchen Dewey
6. "Press Towards the Mark" by Florine Blackshear



We also shared communion served by Pastor David Mauldin and Leslie Depenbrock.

Joyful voices joined in singing praise and worship songs. We then gave time for each guest to speak, giving their love and encouragement to the others within the group.



Fifty-eight people joined us for the day. Victor Simonsen said that when he attended his first Ultreya, there were six people gathered. It was a real joy for him to see that we now had a full house. Such a blessing and encouragement to continue to press on! The gathering is for everyone to enjoy the love of God and to help and encourage each other in our walk daily. Our prayer is that we have even more people come out and fellowship with us next year. We'd love to have you be one of them!

The Florida Presbyterian Pilgrimage (FLPP) is a spiritual retreat for Christians who want to deepen their relationship with the Lord. The FLPP #15 gathering will take place on April 23-26, 2020.

"Be transformed by the renewing of your mind." Romans 12:2



## Casual Wednesday Forecast

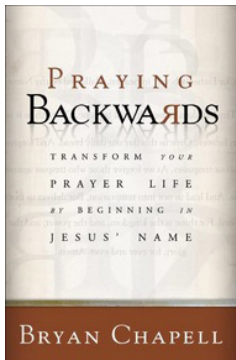
November will conclude Classics of Christian Spirituality 2. On November 6, we will discuss Charles Spurgeon, “the prince of preachers,” and read a lively sermon he preached called “The Church as She Should Be.” On November 13, a fictional monk will impart real wisdom to us from his death bed. We will read a moving excerpt from Dostoevsky’s *The Brothers Karamazov*.

We break for the holidays from November 20 to January 1. On January 8, we resume with a smorgasbord of study opportunities. We will have four different classes to choose from! One will be based on the famous study Experiencing God. There will be one about prayer. Another about Reformed Theology. And still another specifically for men. These classes will run through the end of February.

In March, Pastor David will begin a class about the Lord’s Supper. This study is part of our Lenten theme: Lent Around the Table.

## Wednesday Night Study Options

beginning January 2020

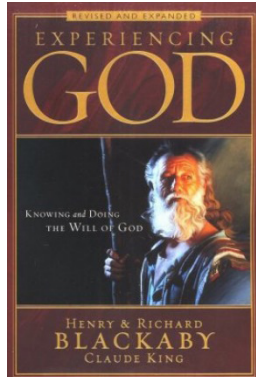


### “Praying Backwards”

led by Catherine Coco

This study will be based on the book *Praying Backwards: Transform Your Prayer Life by Beginning in Jesus’ Name* by Bryan Chapell. Christians often say, “In Jesus’ name” to close their prayers. But is this truly a desire of the heart or a perfunctory “Yours Truly” to God? What if we began our prayers in Jesus’

name by reordering our priorities in prayer (and in life) away from ourselves and towards Jesus and His kingdom, learning to pray boldly, expectantly, and persistently? If you are seeking to transform your prayer life, you will find wonderful direction in *Praying Backwards*.

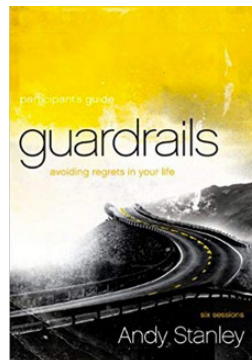


### “Experiencing God”

led by Darlene Pridmore

Many of God’s people have head knowledge about God, but sometimes they have little heart and life experience with Him. They have questions like: Does God really speak to us today? How do we know what His will is? Can we hear Him speak and really know what He wants us to be doing? Based

on the book *Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of God* by Henry and Richard Blackaby, this course is inviting you to experience Him in an intimate love relationship through which He reveals to you His will, His ways, and His work. Through the biblical principles in this course, God will teach you this and much more. Come and be challenged, but be warned: life may never be the same again.

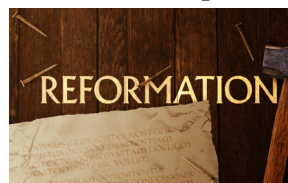


### “Guardrails”

A men’s video study led by Rich Porter

Guardrails: a system designed to keep vehicles from straying into dangerous or off-limit areas. They’re everywhere, but they don’t really get much attention—until somebody hits one. And then, more often than not, it is a lifesaver. Ever wonder what it would be like to have guardrails in

other areas of your life—areas where culture baits you to the edge of disaster and then chastises you when you step across the line? Your friendships. Your finances. Your marriage. Maybe your greatest regret could have been avoided if you had established guardrails. In this 5-part video series, Andy Stanley challenges us to stop flirting with disaster and establish some personal guardrails.



### “Everything You Wanted to Know About Reformed Theology but Were Afraid to Ask!”

led by Ed Coco

We will discuss subjects like: What distinguishes reformed theology from other Christian denominations? What are Christian evangelical essentials? What are different views on baptism? What are different views on communion? What is the Good News of the Gospel?

## Children's Ministry

by Sarah Butler

### 1st Annual PCPC Fall Festival a Tremendous Success!

Our First Annual PCPC Community Fall Festival was an amazing night where our congregation and community came together for fun and fellowship. This event was a living testament to the joy of God's love as members of the community came and experienced the welcoming embrace of our church. We estimate there were 750-800 participants at the festival, and the comments from those attending were overwhelmingly positive! A comment that was continually overheard or written on social media was that our church members were so welcoming, warm, and kind! Participants left with brochures detailing our programs, as well as bags of sugary sweets and door prizes, and a night full of fun and laughter! The hayride, cakewalk, bingo with prizes, petting zoo, pony rides on our front lawn, dunk tank featuring our own Pastor Brad, festival games, impromptu visit from real-life firefighters, and yummy fall food left people with a very memorable family evening—and we hope with a desire to come back to see what else PCPC has to offer!

Our next Community Outreach event will take place on December 13th as a Parents Night Out!

Enjoy more photos from the Fall Festival on pp. 8-9 of this newsletter!



### Save the Date!

Please don't miss church services on December 15th. Our very own Sunday School children will be performing a short Christmas nativity play complete with songs, biblical readings, and the nativity! Children will perform at all three services!

Parents, you will receive more information about rehearsal and performances so that you can let me know if your child will be able to participate. Most rehearsals will take place during our Sunday School song time and will require minimal additional rehearsal times. We do ask that children who are participating commit to performing in each of the worship services on December 15th. We also plan to perform at a local retirement/assisted living facility.

### 2019-2020 PCPC Kids Club has begun!

Our PCPC Kids Club kicked off on Wednesday, October 16th. We have 41 children registered, and 33 children were in attendance on our first day! Nearly 75% of participating children are not currently members of PCPC! Children played, had snacks, heard and participated in a biblical lesson, then had time to discuss the lesson in their small groups before joining in songs. It was a fun-filled, action-packed time of building relationships and learning about God's love.





## PCPC MISSIONS NEWS

by Sue Henrich

Hello Saints and Sinners (took that greeting from Pastor Brad)! The Mission Committee loves to meet and greet new and “old” church friends while laughing, having fun, and serving our Lord. The following mission activities are coming up on the church calendar, and we hope you will consider joining and participating with your fellow church friends. November and December are busy months. Come join the Mission Team and become one of the PCPC “fishers of men!”

### Sunday, November 10

- **PREMIER OF THE MISSION VIDEO** – Our video will be shown at all three services, with a big thank you to everyone who helped make the production possible. You’ll recognize several members of the congregation in starring roles! The committee hopes their testimonies will inspire you to be an active part of PCPC missions.

### Thursday, November 28

- **PCPC TURKEY TROT** - This is the 9th annual Turkey Trot fundraiser, which donates proceeds to one of PCPC’s local mission partners. This year, **LAHIA** (Love and Hope in Action), a faith-based agency that assists the Martin County homeless population, was selected. One of the ways PCPC has supported LAHIA in the past is through a monthly hot, nutritious breakfast organized by Phyl Sullivan and her team of volunteers from the congregation. You can help support this worthy organization by participating in the Turkey Trot—either as a runner or a volunteer. To find out how, log onto the church website, view the event on our Facebook page, or contact Rob Johnson.

### Saturday, December 7

- **TREASURE COAST FOOD BANK** - The Treasure Coast Food Bank distributes food to those in need in Martin County. Several times a year, PCPC Missions sponsors the mobile food pantry and distributes items at the Martin County Fairgrounds from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. It takes many volunteers and is an enjoyable experience for the whole family, working with other church members and knowing you are helping the less fortunate. Janie Schubert has orchestrated this mission partnership for years. To sign up, please call Janie at (772) 463-8089 or place your name on the sign-up sheet in the church office.

### Friday and Saturday, December 20 and 21

- **SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGER** – Being a bell ringer is like being part of mission history: When else can you make music for others and never be off key? All the funds placed in that familiar red kettle are used right here in Martin County for people in need—in need of food, emergency financial assistance, shelter (Compassion House in East Stuart), and so much more. Kim Johnson, a staff member of the Salvation Army of Martin County and a PCPC member, organizes the volunteers for this project. Contact her at (772) 288-1471, ext. 202 to find out more.



**An early reminder – UPCOMING CHRISTMAS OUTREACH** (see bulletins and December newsletter for more information) — **Many volunteers are needed in December!**

- Home baked Christmas cookies for the men at Dunklin
- Support the **Angel Tree** by purchasing school supplies for Gertrude Walden Child Care Center
- Support the **Giving Tree** by purchasing \$25 Walmart gift cards for residents of the Refuge Ranch and Dunklin









### Rock the Universe January 24-26, 2020:

Sign-ups have already begun! This weekend Christian concert that takes place inside Universal Orlando is one of the favorite trips of the year for our youth. Chris Tomlin, Bethel Music, We Are Messengers, and I Am They are just a few of the bands that will be sharing and performing over the weekend. In addition to the fun of the amusement park and ongoing concert, we will

be spending two nights in a beautiful home—swimming, playing games, and growing together as a group. The total cost for the ticket, transportation, housing, and food is \$120. This trip will fill up fast, so we are accepting \$60 deposits to secure a spot. If you are interested in attending, have questions regarding this event or would like to reserve a spot, please contact Jason Pridmore, Director of Youth Ministry, by phone 714-809-5065 (call or text) or by email Jason@palmcitypres.org. You can also bring your deposit to a youth group meeting or the church office (checks can be made out to Palm City Presbyterian Church). Don't miss this amazing weekend!

### Service Hours:

High school friends: We know that for many of your college applications, Bright Futures, and several of the other programs and scholarships, service hours are required throughout your high school career. We can help. There are several ongoing (weekly) service opportunities and special events for which we need your help, and for which we can award you service hours. If you need a few here and there, or if you need a whole bunch, we can set you up: setting up/ taking down chairs and tables, working with our younger youth and children, childcare, handing out food for the Treasure Coast Food Bank, or even this upcoming event: Deacon's Prayer Breakfast, November 2. We are looking for youth to help serve breakfast (have some too) on Saturday, November 2, 7:30–9:30 a.m. Also, Sunday nights at youth group, Miss Sherrey is assisting students in claiming and filling out the online service hour paperwork. Many don't know how to do this. If you need service hours or need to know how to claim the hours you have already served, please contact Jason at 714-809-5065 or come on down to

youth group Sundays 6:00–8:00 p.m.

### What Our Youth Are Discussing:



### "Shaken: Discovering Your True Identity in the Midst of Life's Storms"

We have been talking through a Bible study series led by Tim Tebow, regarding who we are called to be and how we might live that out. For four weeks, we have heard Tim offer his own testimony, and a discussion starter focused on these subjects:

- Who Are You?
- When Storms Come
- Others Matter
- A Legacy-Driven Life

Next month, we will be looking at "Appreciation: Living Out a Worshipful Life in Response to Jesus."

In His service and yours,

Jason Pridmore  
Youth Ministry  
714-809-5065

Middle School Youth Group meets Wednesdays 5:30p-7pm for games, fun, food, and conversation.

Middle School After-School Outreach meets Tuesdays 4-5:30pm for open gym, and fellowship.

WYLDLIFE Middle School Club meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month 4-5:30pm.

High School Youth Group meets Sundays 6-8pm, (all the same as Middle School youth, with twice the fun).

If you don't already follow us on Facebook or Instagram, or get REMIND text messages or receive our emails, you should!



text "@pcpcyo" to  
the number "81010"



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To connect with Jason or to receive parenting resources and youth updates via email, please contact him directly.

Email: Jason@palmcitypres.org

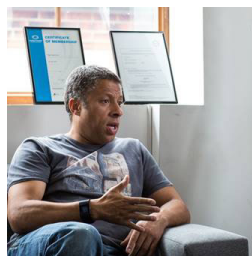
Call or Text: (714) 809-5065

## Sermon Series: First Conversations

Based on questions people ask one another when they first meet, this series comes from Genesis.



# FIRST



# CONVERSATIONS



November  
2019  
Sermon  
Series

**November 3**  
Genesis 2:18-25  
“Are You Married?  
Do You Have Children?”

**November 10**  
Genesis 1:26-31  
“What Do You Do?”

**November 17**  
Genesis 3:1-19  
“Where Are You From?”

**November 24**  
Guest preacher:  
Charlie Pridmore

### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our study in the book of Romans continues  
with Rev. Dr. Brad Klostreich



Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.  
Lower Langill Hall



Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.  
Lower Langill Hall

### Adult Sunday School



UNDERSTANDING THE WESTMINSTER CONFSSION

Rev. Dr. Brad Klostreich  
Sundays at 9:45 a.m.  
Lower Langill Hall



## Angel of the Month

By Sarah Butler

The November Angel of the Month is not an individual, but the 75+ amazing church members and youth who came together and gave of their time, talents, and efforts to make our First Annual Palm City Presbyterian Church Community Fall Festival such an incredible success. Whether you helped prepare during the week, created signs and decorations, worked a booth, cooked or served food, welcomed guests with a smile, recruited a friend to volunteer, donated candy or pumpkins, baked for our cakewalk, or prayed for our event, you were doing God's magnificent work. We honor this fantastic group of volunteers as our November Angel of the Month. You are the heart and soul of our church, and you showed the community the loving arms of our congregation. A simple thank you just doesn't cover it. Know that you have blessed this church and community beyond measure.



## November Prayer Theme: Give Thanks

*"Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*

(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

**During the Thanksgiving season and every season,  
set aside time to reflect on all of God's blessings and give thanks:**

- o For all that **He has given** you
- o For all that **He has done** for you
- o For God, **Himself**, for **who He is**, and
- o For the **greatest gift of all—His Son** and our salvation

*"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!"*

(2 Corinthians 9:15)



**Are you able to train your heart to be grateful and**

**to bless God's holy name? Yes and Yes!**

- o Consciously **practice praise and thankfulness** in the day to day—the realities of life.
- o **Be grateful in your daily life** among people and in your walk with God.
- o **Bless God** in the good days, and **bless God** in the bad days.
- o **Praise and honor His name** always.

*"Therefore, as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."*

(Colossians 2:6)

# Nov. Calendar

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri | Sat  |
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|   |  |   |  | 1   | 2   | 8:00a Prayer Breakfast                               |
| 3<br>Daylight Saving Time ENDS<br>9:30a Pre-K to Elem SS<br>9:45a Adult Study<br>10:30a Linger Longer<br>6:00p HS Youth Group     | 4<br>9:00a MOPS<br>10:00a Hilltoppers<br>6:00p Walk Aerobics | 5<br>10:00a Staff Meeting<br>4:00p Deacons Meeting  | 6<br>2:30p Kids Club<br>5:30p MS Youth Group<br>5:30p Dinner<br>6:00p CCS-2<br>6:00p Walk Aerobics<br>8:00p Cornerstone  | 7<br>6:30a Men's Bible Study<br>9:30a Women's Bible Study<br>5:00p Bells of Worship<br>6:30p CBS<br>7:00p Chancel Choir                                 | 8   | 9  |
| 10<br>9:30a Pre-K to Elem SS<br>9:45a Adult Study<br>10:30a Linger Longer<br>6:00p HS Youth Group                                 | 11<br>VETERAN'S DAY<br>9:00a MOPS<br>6:00p Walk Aerobics     | 12<br>10:00a Staff Meeting<br>3:30a Membership Committee<br>5:00p Mission Committee<br>4:00p MS WYLDLIFE Club | 13<br>12:00p Prayer Group<br>2:30p Kids Club<br>5:30p MS Youth<br>5:30p Dinner<br>6:00p CCS-2<br>6:00p Walk Aerobics<br>8:00p Cornerstone                                      | 14<br>6:30a Men's Bible Study<br>9:30a Women's Bible Study<br>4:00p P&A Committee<br>5:00p Bells of Worship<br>6:30p CBS<br>7:00p Chancel Choir         | 15  | 16   |
| 17<br>9:30a Pre-K to Elem SS<br>9:45a Adult Study<br>10:30a Linger Longer<br>3:00p Palm City's Got Talent<br>6:00p HS Youth Group | 18<br>6:00p Walk Aerobics                                    | 19<br>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE<br>10:00a Staff Meeting   | 20<br>10:00a Finance Committee<br>2:30p Kids Club<br>3:15p Stephen Ministry<br>5:30p MS Youth Group<br>5:30p Dinner<br>6:00p CCS-2<br>6:00p Walk Aerobics<br>8:00p Cornerstone | 21<br>6:30a Men's Bible Study<br>9:30a Women's Bible Study<br>9:30a Grandmothers & Others<br>5:00p Bells of Worship<br>6:30p CBS<br>7:00p Chancel Choir | 22  | 23<br>2:00p Piano Recital - Sue Scheitzow's Students |
| 24<br>9:30a Pre-K to Elem SS<br>9:45a Adult Study<br>10:30a Linger Longer<br>6:00p HS Youth Group                                 | 25<br>9:00a MOPS<br>6:00p Walk Aerobics                      | 26<br>10:00a Staff Meeting  | 27<br>2:30p Kids Club<br>5:30p MS Youth Group<br>5:30p Dinner<br>6:00p CCS-2<br>6:00p Walk Aerobics<br>8:00p Cornerstone   | 28<br>THANKSGIVING<br>7:00a TURKEY TROT<br>Office Closed  | 29  | 30<br>9:00a Christmas Decorating                     |

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**Sundays**

- 8:30 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary Service (Huizenga Family Life Center)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service (Sanctuary)

in the world; (2) one specific, concrete thing in your life; (3) one specific event in the world; (4) one specific event in your life; (5) one specific person in the world; (6) one specific person in your life; and (7) one attribute, aspect, or deed of God Himself. Results Guaranteed.” [pp. 159-59]

Are people thankful because they are happy? Or are they happy because they are thankful? I believe the latter is true. Why? I have known people who were extremely blessed and “happy,” but they were not thankful. Nor were they happy for long, I suspect. I have never known a person with a truly thankful heart who was not also happy.

If you are a Christian, you should be especially thankful, because you know Jesus Christ. He gave his life for you so that you might have life, abundant and eternal.

If you are not a Christian, perhaps that feeling of gratitude is trying to wake you to the possibility of God’s grace. What if the best gifts are the ones we cannot give to ourselves? What if the promise of the gospel is true? Perhaps you have more to be thankful for than you ever realized.

One of my favorite quotes from Herman Bavinck is: “If we can’t praise God as he deserves, we can at least thank him.”



Thank you to everyone who helped with our church’s booth at the Palm City Fall Festival on October 26th. Many people visited our booth and were interested in learning about our programs!

Our booth was organized by Sarah Butler. It was set up by Paul Seago and Greg Welmaker. The booth was staffed by Cathy and Ed Coco, Kathryn Thorsen, and Alex Thorsen.

## Birthdays

- 11/02 Polly Forestier
- 11/03 Teagan Habicht, Barbara Hendrick, Sherrie Swygert, Alex Wood
- 11/05 Jim Herman, Bill Lichtenberger, Jason Welmaker
- 11/06 Barry Allison, Jack McCarthy
- 11/07 Mark Henn, Trudy Johnson, Leanna Livings
- 11/09 Lindy Cardinale
- 11/10 Susan Holley
- 11/15 Mike Dewey, Andrew Herman
- 11/17 Carla Mooney, Doug O’Quinn
- 11/18 Adam Day, Eric Loomer
- 11/19 Clo Craig
- 11/22 Diane Bates, Cassidy Gutschmidt
- 11/23 Megan McLaughlin
- 11/25 Elyse Klostreich, Carole Peterson
- 11/28 Justine Habicht, Drew Olson
- 11/29 Lois Belding, Bud Johnson, David Bates

## Anniversaries

- 11/06 Larry & Janet Jones
- 11/07 Scott & Stephanie Neff
- 11/09 Dick & Pat Stuart
- 11/15 Rob & Kim Johnson
- 11/19 Douglas & Justine Habicht
- 11/20 Harry & Charlotte McIntosh
- 11/22 Fred & Lynn Church
- 11/23 Eugene & LaBarbara Chenault
- 11/24 Jack & Carol McCarthy
- 11/25 Jerry & Carole Peterson

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8:30 Sanctuary  
11:00 Sanctuary

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9:30 HFCL

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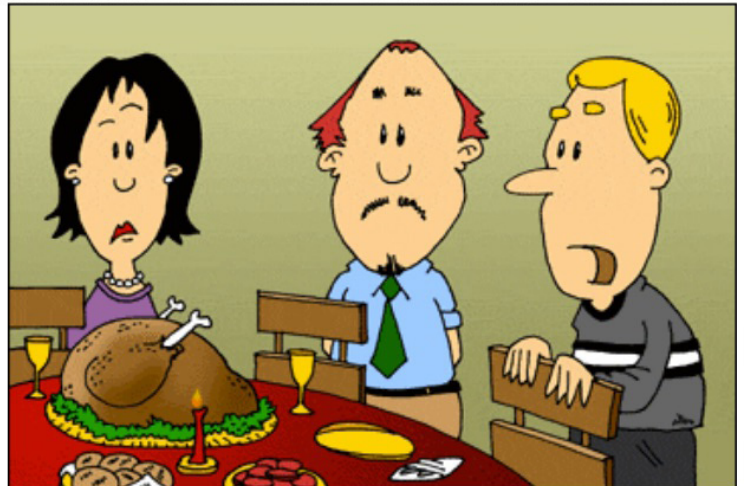
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